THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The main observation of the report deal with stricter enforcement of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, proper monitoring of testing labs, prompt action on substandard/spurious drugs, rigid inspection and insistence upon the requirement of testing facilities, streamlining procurement, distribution and recalling of drugs.

(e) The State Chief Ministers and the State Drug Control Authorities have been advised to tighten Drug Control measures, strengthen their staff, set up full fledged testing laboratories, resort to rigid inspection of manufacturing premises and ensure that provision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules are stringently enforced especially in respect of reports of sub-standard drugs.

In respect of Glycerine in particular, they were urged to make sure that Glycerine used by drug manufacturers in formulations is tested for the absence of Diethylene Glycols and other Glycols which are toxic.

12.00 NOON

RESIGNATION BY A MEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a letter from Shri Arun Singh, a Member representing the State of Uttar Pradesh, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from today, the 17th August, 1988.

(Interruptions)

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): Has he given any reasons?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has not given any reason whatsoever.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): You have to satisfy yourself that it is not a resignation under duress. Have you satisfied yourself that he has resigned of his own free will?

(Interruptions)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal: A gentleman politician cannot remain with them. It has been proved by the resignation of Mr. Arun Singh.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. No. Please sit down. This is not permitted. After the resignation has been accepted by the Chairman, it is final. No more questions.

(Interruptions)

Nothing will go on record and no Member has a right to question the decision of the Chairman.

(Interruptions)

I am satisfied. I know the provisions of the Constitution. I took time. I contacted him. I wanted him to come and speak to me. It was only when I was completely satisfied that he has not written under duress that I accepted his resignation. His signatures are there. Everything is there. I am satisfied and the thing is final.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Aviation

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (3) of section 14A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, a copy each in (English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Aviation:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 399, dated the 14th May, 1988, publishing the Aircraft (1st Amendment) Rules, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 498, dated the 18th June, 1988, publishing the Aircraft (2nd Amendment) Rules, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6428|88 for (i) and (ii)].

Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing)

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing) Notification GSR No. 786, dated the 14th July, 1988, publishing the Mormugao Port Trust (Distraint or Arrest and Sale of Vessel) Regulations, 1988, under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6414|88].

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing) Notification GSR No. 797(E), dated the 18th July, 1988, publishing the Major Port Trusts (Payment of Fees and Allowances to Trustees) (Amendment) Rules, 1988, under sub-section (3) of section 122 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6415|88].

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no business before the House. So, what can your point of order be? There is no business on which you can raise a point of order.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE SHIPPING AGENTS (LICENSING) BILL, 1987

SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR (Maharashtra): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:—

"That the time appointed for the presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Shipping Agents (Licensing) Bill, 1987, be extended upto the first day of the last week of the 150th Session of the Rajya Sabha."

The reasons with regard to this have already been circulated and I trust the House will accept this Resolution.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up Special Mentions.

SPECIAL MENTIONS .

Delay in filling the vacancies in the top level positions in the Public Sector Undertakings

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA (Rajasthan): Madam Deputy Chairman, the public sector enterprises in the country continue to be derailed. All possible efforts should be made to improve their performance. But the major reason for this sorry state of affairs is the Government indecision to fill up the top vacancies. The public sector can hardly be expected to accelerate its performance without leadership. Madam, the position with regard to the top positions as on 31st March, 1988, is that 52 posts of Directors and 24 posts of Chief Executives are lying vacant which posts should have been filled up long back. Madam, how can the things improve if there be such large unfilled vacancies? The delay in taking a decision on the recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board ranges between 6 to 23 months. This should be drastically reduced. But, unfortunately, the matter is allowed to drift for one reason or the other, and the suspense is prolonged. The result is that the public sector enterprises continue to suffer heavy losses, and the public money goes down the drain. This is a sorry state of affairs.

Madam, the Prime Minister had rightly said that public sector units